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FWP Commission Adopted

These regulations are adopted under the authority granted to the Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission (FWPC) in MCA 87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2011, through February 29, 2012. These regulations were adopted by the FWPC on February 10, 2011. The FWPC reserves the authority to amend the seasons, limits and regulations herein if deemed necessary for wildlife management purposes. Joe Maurier, Director.

These regulations are affected by the laws passed by the Montana Legislature, including those passed after the adoption of these regulations (during the 2011 Legislative Session). Therefore, laws enacted by the Montana Legislature after April 2011 may also affect the law stated in these regulations. For up-to-date information please check the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov.

Discrimination Prohibited – State and Federal laws, Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, or disability. Anyone believing he or she has been discriminated against (as described above) in any Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) program, activity, or facility may write to FWP Personnel Office, 1420 East Sixth Avenue, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701 or the office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

What's New? Highlights

The following list for the 2011 hunting season are only highlights. A complete listing of FWP Commission-adopted changes for the 2011 hunting season is available at fwp.mt.gov.

1. Two-day youth only deer hunting season October 20 and 21.
2. A youth who is currently 11 but will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2012 is eligible for some fall hunting opportunities offered to youth ages 12-15 (see page 112).
3. A party application, may include up to five persons, for all deer, elk and antelope license and permit applications.
4. The deer and elk legal descriptions follow the hunting district regulations for deer and elk (pages 74-88).
5. The deer and elk drawing statistics are on pages 29-30.

2011 Deer • Elk • Antelope

2011 Season Dates

These dates represent the "general" season dates. Check the individual hunting district regulations for the most accurate season dates and regulations.

Big Game

Antelope	
900 series	Aug 15–Nov 13
archery	Sept 3–Oct 7
general	Oct 8–Nov 13
Bighorn Sheep	
archery	Sept 5–Sept 14
general	Sept 15–Nov 27
Bison	Nov 15–Feb 15, 2012
Black bear	
spring	Apr 15–May 31
archery	Sept 3–Sept 14
fall	Sept 15–Nov 27
Deer & Elk	
archery	Sept 3–Oct 16
youth, two-day	
deer hunt	Oct 20–Oct 21
general	Oct 22–Nov 27
backcountry – HD's 150, 151, 280, 316	
archery	Sept 3–Sept 14
general	Sept 15–Nov 27
Moose	Sept 15–Nov 27
Mountain Goat	Sept 15–Nov 27
Mountain Lion	
archery	Sept 3–Oct 16
fall	Oct 22–Nov 27
winter	Dec 1–Apr 14, 2012

Upland Game Birds

Mountain Grouse	Sept 1–Dec 15
Partridge	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2012
Pheasant	Oct 8–Jan 1, 2012
Sage Grouse	Sept 1–Nov 1
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2012
Turkey	
spring	Apr 9–May 15
fall	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2012

Reminders for 2011

1. License Discount Opportunities, see page 111.
2. Game Damage Hunt Roster Rules, see page 115.

2011 Application Deadlines

Big Game

Antelope	June 1
Bighorn Sheep	May 2
Bison	May 2
Black Bear	
spring	Apr 14*
fall	Aug 31*
Deer, drawings	June 1
Elk, drawings	June 1
Moose	May 2
Mountain Goat	May 2
Mountain Lion	
general license	Aug 31*
limited entry	Aug 31

Super Tags

Bighorn Sheep, Moose, and Mountain Goat	June 30
Antelope, Bison, Deer, Elk and Mountain Lion	July 28

Upland Game, Migratory and Webless Migratory Birds

Crane	July 28
Swan	Sept 1
Turkey	
spring	March 10
fall	July 28

*see species-specific regulations for license purchase restrictions.

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Laws and Regulations

These regulations contain information to safely and legally participate in Montana's Antelope, Deer, and Elk, hunting opportunities.



Hunters who hunt legally and responsibly keep Montana's hunting traditions alive.



Don't risk losing the privilege of hunting in Montana.

Be Safe
Be Legal
Be Responsible!

Hunter Land Access

Hunters, it's your responsibility to know where you are, to know who owns the land, and to know what access restrictions apply.

Fishing Access Sites

Many of Montana's fishing access sites (FAS) offer hunting opportunities, however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Refer to the Fishing Access Site web page at fwp.mt.gov/recreation/visitFwpSite.html for site specific information opportunities and restrictions.

Montana State Parks

Many of Montana's state parks provide hunting opportunities, however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Contact the specific park and/or refer to the Montana State Park web page at fwp.mt.gov/parks/visit for site specific information regarding hunting opportunities and restrictions.

Private Land

- Montana law requires permission for all hunting on private land.
- Even if the land is not posted, hunters must have permission from the landowner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property.
- Access to public lands through private land requires permission of the private landowner, lessee, or their agent.
- See page 115 for information on FWP's Block Management Program.

Public Land

- Public lands closed to hunting include:
 - National Parks and other areas

administered by the National Park Service.

- National Wildlife Refuge lands except those areas designated open to public hunting.
- For hunting opportunities on federal lands such as U.S. Forest Service or U.S. Bureau of Land Management, inquire at the local federal office.

Off Road Travel and Game Retrieval

- While hunting on private property, a person may not drive off established roads or trails without landowner permission.
- Off road travel on public land, including game retrieval, is prohibited unless designated as open. Consult appropriate land agency or land map for specifics.
- All federally approved travel plans on public lands in Montana are hereby adopted by the FWP Commission.

Railroad Access

Railroads and railroad right-of-ways are private property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad.

State Game Preserves

State game preserves may or may not be open to limited hunting. See Areas Closed or Limited to Hunting Methods for Big Game.

State School Trust Lands

- A \$2 fee paid when you purchase your conservation license provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to legally accessible State School Trust Lands.
- Overnight (2 night) camping is allowed within 200 feet of a legal access point.
- Horses may not be kept on state land overnight.
- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on roads designated as open.
- Game retrieval is by foot or horse only.
- No open fires are allowed except in designated campground fire pits.
- Firearms may not be discharged within one-quarter mile of an inhabited dwelling or outbuilding without permission of the inhabitant.
- Additional information is available from FWP or contact DNRC at 406-444-2074.

State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)

Wildlife Management Areas are generally open to hunting during the big game hunting season. WMAs with big game winter range are closed to public entry, unless otherwise posted, from the day following the end of the general deer-elk season or December 1,

whichever is later, to May 15 each year, as posted.

Exception: There are several exceptions to these guidelines. For WMA specific information, please call the Regional office (see page 115 for contact numbers) or visit the FWP website at:

fwp.mt.gov/habitat/wildlifeManagementAreas

Stream Access

Big game hunting between the ordinary high water marks of streams and rivers is illegal without landowner permission.

Tribal Land

Contact the respective Tribal Government office. See "Contacts Outside FWP" for contact information.

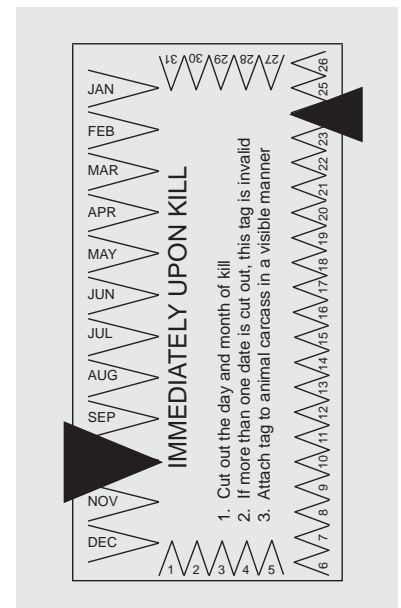
License and Permit Possession

- Licenses and permits must be carried on your person at all times while in the field hunting.
- Licenses and permits must be produced if requested by FWP Enforcement personnel.

License Validation After Harvest

License Validation and Tagging

- Immediately after killing a game animal, a hunter must cut out the proper month and day of the kill from the appropriate license and attach it to the animal in a secure and visible manner.
- To properly validate a license (sometimes referred to as a tag):
 - The triangles denoting the month and day the animal was killed must be completely removed. Tearing, slicing or punching the tag is not legal.
- The properly validated license must remain with the meat (including cold storage) until consumed. If quartered, the license should remain with the largest portion of the carcass.



Evidence Required of Game Animal's Sex and Species

- It is illegal to possess or transport the carcass of any big game animal unless evidence of the animal's sex and species remains naturally attached to its carcass or a portion of the carcass.
- Evidence of an animal's sex and species must remain naturally attached until the carcass:
 - Is at the final place of storage; or
 - Cut and wrapped in serving size; or
 - Is at commercial meat processing facility; or
 - Is at licensed taxidermist
- If the head or antlers are removed, evidence of sex in the form of testicles, penis, scrotum, udder or vulva must remain naturally attached. For example, boned out or quartered animals need evidence of sex naturally attached to a portion of the meat.

Methods & Means of Hunting

Firearms

- General Season
 - There is no rifle or handgun caliber limitation for the taking of big game animals.
 - Muzzleloaders, shotguns with 0, 00, or slugs, archery equipment, and crossbows are legal.
- The possession of firearms with silencers while afield is illegal.

Archery & Crossbow Equipment

- Archery Only Season and in areas limited to archery equipment only:
 - It is unlawful to use any chemical or explosive device attached to an arrow to aid in the taking of wildlife.
 - Lawful Archery Equipment: It is illegal to possess, while hunting big game during any Archery Only Season and in archery equipment only areas, archery equipment that does not meet the following criteria.
 - Hunting Bow: A hunting bow for big game shall be a longbow, flatbow, recurve bow, compound bow, or any combination of these designs.
 - The bow must be a device for launching an arrow, which derives its propulsive energy solely from the bending and recovery of two limbs (includes bows with split limbs).
 - The bow must be hand drawn by a single and direct uninterrupted

pulling action of the shooter. The bowstring must be moved from brace height to the full draw position by the muscle power of the shooter's body. The energy used to propel the arrow shall not be derived from any other source such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, or similar devices. These limitations shall not exclude the mechanical leverage advantage provided by eccentric wheels or cams, so long as the available energy stored in the bent limbs of the bow is the sole result of a single, continuous, and direct pulling effort by the shooter.

- The bow must be hand-held. One hand shall hold the bow and the other hand draw the bowstring. The bowstring must be moved and/or held at all points in the draw cycle entirely by muscle power of the shooter until release. The bowstring must be released as a direct and conscious action of the shooter, either relaxing the tension of the fingers or triggering the release action of a hand-held release aid.
 - Exception: Physically disabled bowhunters certified by FWP with the Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE) are exempted from the requirement of holding or shooting the bow with their hands.
- A bow is considered legal if it is at least 28 inches in total length.
- The nominal percent of let-off for hunting bows shall be a maximum of 80 percent. It is recognized that variations in draw length and/or draw weight can affect the percent of let-off on compound bows. For these reasons minor variations in let-off are acceptable.
- Arrow: An arrow is a projectile at least 20 inches in overall length. The length of the arrow is measured from the rearward point of the nock to the tip of the broadhead.
- A broadhead is mounted on the fore end.
- The arrow shall weigh no less than 300 grains with the broadhead attached.
- Arrows must have broadheads with at least two cutting edges. Expandable broadheads are legal as long as when expanded they are at least 7/8 inches at the widest point, and weigh no less than 70 grains.

- The following are not considered a hunting bow or legal archery equipment during the Archery Only Season or in an ArchEquip Only area or hunting district:

- Crossbow.
- Any device with a gun-type stock or incorporating any device or mechanism that holds the bowstring at partial or full draw without the shooter's muscle power.
- Any bow for which a portion of the bow's riser (handle) or any track, trough, channel, or other device that attaches directly to the bow's riser contacts, supports, and/or guides the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height. This is not intended to restrict the use of standard overdraw systems.
- Electronic or battery-powered devices attached to a hunting bow.
- A bow sight or arrow which uses artificial light, luminous chemicals such as tritium, or electronics.

Weapons Restriction Areas

Weapons restrictions are in effect in some hunting districts. Such restrictions are stated in the license/permit description and/or with a specific date range.

The following equipment restrictions apply to Weapons Restriction Areas:

• Muzzleloader

- must not be capable of being loaded from the breech of the barrel;
- may not be loaded with any pre-prepared paper or metallic cartridges;
- must be charged with black powder, pyrodex, or an equivalent;
- must be ignited by a percussion, flintlock, matchlock, or wheellock mechanism;
- must be a minimum of .45 caliber;
- may have no more than two barrels; and
- must only use plain lead projectiles, not sabots or similar projectiles.

• Traditional Handgun

- is not capable of being shoulder mounted;
- have a barrel length of less than 10 ½ inches;
- chambers only a straight wall cartridge, not originally developed for rifles.

• Shotgun

- A shouldered, breech-loaded or muzzle-loaded firearm with a smooth bore and/or rifled barrel and/or rifled choke device designed to fire shot or slugs.

- **Archery**

- See legal archery equipment in this section.

- **Crossbows**

- Legal in weapons restriction areas unless exception noted in specific hunting district regulations.

Prohibited Methods of Hunting

Airplane Spotting

Aircraft may not be used to locate big game animals for the purpose of:

- hunting those animals during the same hunting day after a person has been airborne
- providing information to another person for the purpose of hunting those animals within the same hunting day after being airborne.

Artificial Light

It is illegal for anyone to take or attempt to take any game animal or game bird with the aid of projected artificial light.

Baiting

- It is illegal for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt by the aid of or with the use of any bait, salt lick, trap, snare or set gun.
- Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of food sources or salt so as to constitute a lure or attraction.

Dogs

Montana law states that a person may not use dogs to hunt or chase game animals. Dogs may be utilized to recover or locate wounded big game.

Game Calls

It is illegal to use a recorded or electrically amplified game call to hunt big game.

Motion-Tracking Devices and/or Camera Devices

It is illegal for a person to possess or use in the field any electronic or camera device whose purpose is to scout the location of game animals or relay the information on a game animal's location or movement during any Commission-adopted hunting season.

Motorized Vehicles

It is illegal for anyone to:

- Hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird: from any self propelled (motorized) or drawn vehicle. Even if the vehicle is not moving, hunters must be off or out of the vehicle. Holders of Permit To Hunt From A Vehicle are the exception to this.
- Use a motorized vehicle or aircraft to concentrate, drive, rally, stir-up, corral, or harass game animals.
- Operate, on public lands, a motorized wheeled vehicle off legal routes

(including game retrieval). Contact the appropriate land management agencies for travel plan information.

Night Vision Equipment

It is illegal to use night vision equipment or electronically enhanced light gathering optics for locating or hunting game.

Public Roadways

It is illegal for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird: on, from, or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, barrow pit or right-of-way of any public highway.

Two-way Communication

Two-way communication may not be used to:

- hunt game animals or upland game birds, migratory birds or furbearers as defined in Montana law ("Hunt" means to "pursue, shoot, wound, kill, chase, lure, possess or capture."), OR
- avoid game checking stations, FWP enforcement personnel, or to facilitate illegal activity.

The rule does not prohibit the possession or use of two-way communication for safety or other legitimate purposes.

Waste of Game

- Hunters, or persons in possession of a game animal or game animal parts, are prohibited from wasting or rendering unfit for human consumption, any part of a game animal that is defined as "suitable for food."
- For big game animals (excluding mountain lions) all of the four quarters above the hock, including loin and backstrap are considered suitable for food.

General Regulations

It is illegal to:

- "Party" hunt. Each hunter must shoot and tag his/her own animal.
- Use a license issued to another person.
- Carry or have physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location where the species to be hunted occurs. Exception: a person may carry or have control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person.
- Alter a license or permit for any reason.
- Post state or federal land other than that done by a state or federal land agency.
- Interfere/hinder with the lawful taking of a game animal.

Antler/Horn/Skull Possession

Individuals may possess, transport, sell, or purchase naturally shed antlers, or the antlers with a skull or portion of a skull attached from a game animal that has died from natural causes and that has not been illegally or accidentally killed. Road-killed animals have not died from natural causes. **It is illegal to possess a bighorn sheep head/horn picked up in the wild.**

Check Stations

All hunters and anglers are required by law to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting and fishing areas, even if they have no game or fish to be checked.

Glandular Scents

- Natural or artificial glandular scents may be used by licensed hunters to attract game animals or game birds by spraying or pouring the scent on the ground or other objects.
- Hunters may not create a scent station where the scent continues to be dispensed without the hunter's direct action, such as an automatic device, which drips or otherwise continues to dispense scent.
- No scents other than glandular may be used for attracting animals, but other scents may be used to mask human odor.

Hunter Orange Requirement

Firearm Hunters

- Any person hunting or accompanying a hunter as an outfitter or guide must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material above the waist, visible at all times (see exception below).

Archery Hunters

- A licensed bowhunter pursuing deer, elk and/or antelope during the Archery Only Season or in archery only hunting district is not required to meet the hunter orange requirement even if there is a concurrent firearm season in that hunting district or portion of district. However, bowhunters hunting during any portion of the general season (firearm) for deer, elk, antelope, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, black bear, and/or mountain lion must always wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) above the waist, visible at all times.

Hunting Hours

Authorized hunting hours for the taking of big game animals begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See the official Sunrise-Sunset Tables listed at the end of these regulations.

Incidental Harvest Resulting In An Illegally Taken Animal

- If you or a member of your hunting party shoots an animal that results in an illegally taken animal, you should notify an FWP game warden or 1-800-TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668) immediately and follow their instructions.
- Do NOT transport the animal until you've received instructions.

Inspection of Wildlife

Wildlife taken must be shown to FWP Enforcement personnel for inspection when requested.

Kill Site Verification

As a condition of hunting in Montana, if requested to do so by an FWP warden, you are required to return to the kill site.

Littering

A person convicted of littering while hunting, fishing, trapping or camping may lose his or her license and privileges to hunt, fish, trap, or camp within Montana for a period of one year.

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV):

- Examples of an OHV include but are not limited to: motorcycles, quadricycles (also known as 4-wheelers), dune buggies, amphibious vehicles, air cushion vehicles, and any other means of land transportation deriving motive power from any source other than muscle or wind.
- In order to operate an OHV on public lands, the OHV must have a valid/current registration and display an OHV decal.
- Nonresidents must register their OHV in their home state or purchase a temporary Off-Highway Vehicle Use permit from Montana FWP. The permit is \$5 and expires on December 31 of the year issued.
- OHV permits may be purchased from some FWP License Providers, some Vendors (such as a private OHV dealership), or download an application at fwp.mt.gov/hunting/licenses/applications. For a complete listing of where nonresident OHV permits are available, check the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov.

Outfitters and Guides

It is illegal to hire an outfitter or guide not licensed by the Department of Labor and Industry. For information, call 406-841-2373.

Party Hunting

- Applying as a party does not allow the transfer of licenses. Each individual in the party must harvest their own game. See page 109 for party application specifics.

Predators and Nongame Hunting

- Predators and nongame species are

unprotected by federal and/or state law or regulation and can be hunted in Montana year-round without a license by both resident and nonresident hunters. A conservation license, or a state school trust lands recreational use license is required to hunt predators and nongame species on state school trust lands. Permission must be obtained to hunt predators and nongame species on private land.

- **Predators** are classified as coyote, weasel, (striped) skunk, and civet cat (spotted skunk).
- **Nongame species** are defined as any wild animal not otherwise legally classified by statute or regulation in Montana. Examples include badger, raccoon, red fox, hares, rabbits, ground squirrels, marmots, tree squirrels, porcupines, and prairie dogs.
- **Furbearers** are protected game species that may only be taken by residents with a valid trapping license during prescribed open seasons. State classified furbearers include beaver, otter, muskrat, mink, marten, fisher, wolverine, bobcat, lynx, and swift fox.

Restitution for Illegally Taken Wildlife

Under Montana law, a person convicted, or who was charged and forfeited bond or bail, of illegally killing, taking, or possessing game animals shall reimburse the state. The law sets the amount of restitution for a trophy animal under Montana law as:

Bighorn Sheep	\$30,000
Elk	\$8,000
Antlered Deer	\$8,000
Moose	\$6,000
Mountain Goat	\$6,000
Antelope	\$2,000
Grizzly Bear*	\$8,000

*no authorized hunting season

- The law specifically outlines minimum standards for a trophy under this regulation, but authorizes the FWP Commission to adopt more specific criteria.
- For the purpose of assessing restitution for illegally taken trophy wildlife under Montana law, the following are considered "trophy" animals:

– Antelope:

- With at least one horn greater than 14 inches in length, as measured along the outside curve from base to tip.

– Elk:

Must meet all three criteria:

- 1) At least six points on one antler
- 2) A main beam length on each antler of at least 43 inches, and
- 3) An inside spread of at least 36 inches.

OR

- Any elk with at least one six point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 320 points or greater.

– Mule Deer:

Must meet all three criteria:

- 1) At least four points on one antler (excluding brow tine),
- 2) A main beam length on each side of at least 21 inches, and
- 3) A greatest inside spread across the main beams of at least 20 inches.

OR

- Any mule deer with at least one four-point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 160 points or greater.

– White-tailed Deer:

Must meet all three criteria:

- 1) At least four points on one antler (excluding brow tine),
- 2) A main beam length on each side of at least 20 inches, and
- 3) A greatest inside spread across the main beams of at least 16 inches.

OR

- Any white-tailed deer with at least one four-point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 140 points or greater.
- A "point" as defined in these regulations is at least four inches long for elk and at least one inch long for deer, measured from base to tip. Boone & Crockett measuring procedures or standards are used for criteria measurement. The official measurements for the purpose of this regulation are those that are taken at the time of confiscation or seizure of the trophy. Any Boone & Crockett measurements will be considered final when taken by an official B&C scorer, regardless of drying time. If the skullcap of antlers or horns is broken in such a manner to render an official Boone & Crockett score invalid, three official B&C scorers will estimate a score. The three scores will be averaged and the average score used to determine trophy status in accordance with Montana law.

Simulated Wildlife

It is illegal to discharge a firearm or other hunting implement at a simulated wildlife decoy in violation of any state statute or FWP Commission rule regulating the hunting of the wildlife being simulated.

Transport of Wildlife

- An individual other than the license holder may transport properly tagged animals that comply with the "Evidence of Sex Requirements" and that were lawfully taken by the license holder. If you have specific questions please contact FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452.
- All shippers of fish, game or nongame birds, game animals, fur-bearing animals, the skins of fur-bearing animals or predatory animals, or parts thereof are required to label all packages offered for shipment by parcel post or common carrier (airlines or UPS, etc.). The label must be securely attached to the address of the package and shall plainly indicate the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee and the complete contents of the package. It is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act to transport an illegally taken game animal across state boundaries.
- It is illegal to ship, possess, or take out of state illegally killed game, game-birds, and/or furbearers. If you are transporting lawfully taken wildlife (including parts and/or products of live or dead animals) between Montana and Canada or between the United States and any foreign country, whether for commercial or noncommercial purposes, you must complete a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Declaration form (Form 3-177). Form 3-177 is available at all United States customs ports and on the USFWS website at www.fws.gov. For further information contact the USFWS Wildlife Inspector at 406-335-4350.
- Questions concerning carcass transport may be directed to FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452 or to your home state's wildlife division.
- It is unlawful to transport into Montana the whole carcass or certain carcass parts of white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk from states or provinces with documented occurrences of

CWD in wild populations or on private game farms. Those states and provinces currently include Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

- Only the following carcass parts may be transported into Montana from those states:
 - Meat that is cut and wrapped.
 - Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached.
 - Meat that has been boned out.
 - Hides with no heads attached.
 - Clean (no meat or tissue attached) skull plates with antlers attached.
 - Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
 - Upper canine teeth, also known as "buglers", "whistlers" or "ivories".
 - Finished head, partial body or whole body mounts already prepared by a taxidermist.
- Keep in mind that "Evidence of Sex Requirements" must always be met when transporting any of these parts back into Montana.

Chronic Wasting Disease

- CWD has not been detected in free-ranging deer, elk, or moose in Montana, but has been detected in captive elk on a game farm.
- As of March, 2011 and because of concerns about the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), Alaska, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming, and the provinces of Manitoba and Ontario have instituted regulations prohibiting the import of certain deer, elk, or moose carcass parts.

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- It is unlawful to transport into Montana the whole carcass or certain carcass parts of white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk from states or provinces with documented occurrences of CWD in wild populations or on private game farms. Those states and provinces currently include Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.
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Furbearer Traps

- It is illegal to disturb traps or trapped animals. Traps and trapped animals are the property of the trap owner.
- Hunters should not shoot trapped animals.

Areas Closed or Limited to Hunting Methods for Big Game

Bear Creek WMA: Refer to FS maps.

Brinkman Game Preserve: The S1/2 Section 7, and E1/2, NE1/4 Section 7, and S1/2 Section 8, and NW 1/4 Section 8, S1/2 Section 9, S1/2 and E1/2, NE 1/4 Section 10. All of sections 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 35, 36; all in T29N, R7E, M.P.M. Liberty County.

Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area: Closed to hunting of big game except as designated under hunting regulations. Section 28 and 33, and W 1/2 of W 1/2 Section 34, T8N, R2E, Sections 4, 8, W1/2 and W1/2 of the E1/2 Section 9, NW1/4 Section 16, Sections 17, 18, 19, 20 and N1/2 Section 30, T7N, R2E, E1/2 of E1/2 Section 11, Section 12, E1/2 of NW1/4 and E1/2 Section 13 and E1/2 of E1/2 Section 24, T7N, R1E.

Ear Mountain WMA: Legal description and map available from the FWP Region 4, Great Falls office 406-454-5840.

Freezout Lake Wildlife Management Area, Teton County: As posted.

Gallatin Special Management Area (Bacon Rind and Buffalo Horn Units): Bacon Rind: Those portions of Madison and Gallatin Counties lying the following boundary description: Beginning at the confluence of Buffalo Horn Creek and the Gallatin River, then up said river to Snow Flake Springs and the toe of Snow Flake Ridge, then southerly along said ridge and the Sage Creek-Monument Creek Divide, then along Sage Creek-Snowslide Creek Divide and the Sage Creek-Bacon Rind Divide in the Gallatin Madison Rivers Divide at Redstreak

Peak, then southeasterly along said divide to the Yellowstone National Park boundary, then northerly along said boundary to its northwestern most intersection with the Gallatin River, then down said river to the point of beginning.

Buffalo Horn: Those portions of Gallatin County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the intersection of Highway 191 and the north boundary of Yellowstone National Park, then in a northerly direction along said boundary to USFS trail 57 at Dailey Pass, then in a northwesterly direction along said trail to the headwaters of the South Fork of Buffalo Horn, then down said creek to a posted line that goes along the south side of Cow Flats to its intersection with Buffalo Horn Creek, then down said creek to the Gallatin River, then up said river to Snowflake Springs and

Deer Drawing Statistics

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Deer Permits – 2010 Drawing Statistics

LPT	# Apps	# Suc	% Suc
130-50	190	10	5.26
202-50	247	150	60.73
204-40	207	207	100
210-50	596	100	16.78
212-40	172	172	100
213-40	150	150	100
214-40	72	72	100
240-40	95	95	100
250-50	112	86	76.79
261-50	902	25	2.77
270-50	4878	45	0.92
281-40	254	254	100
291-50	863	100	11.59
291-51	86	25	29.07
292-40	725	725	100
300-50	978	30	3.07
302-40	87	87	100
312-50	888	75	8.45
318-40	216	216	100
319-40	181	181	100
324-50	564	25	4.43
329-40	42	42	100
335-40	362	362	100
339-40	304	304	100
343-40	449	449	100
380-40	1288	1288	100
390-40	110	110	100
391-40	462	462	100
392-40	662	662	100
441-50	1024	50	4.88
455-70	834	30	3.6
510-40	277	277	100
530-50	617	576	93.35
652-50	1086	100	9.21

Deer B Licenses – 2010 Drawing Statistics

LPT	# Apps	# Suc	% Suc
100-00	248	25	10.08
100-01	33	5	15.15
101-00	180	25	13.89
102-00	167	25	14.97
103-00	164	25	15.24
103-01	57	5	8.77
104-00	133	25	18.8
104-01	23	5	21.74
109-00	75	25	33.33
110-00	131	25	19.08
120-00	172	25	14.53
121-00	492	100	20.33
121-01	13	5	38.46
122-00	129	25	19.38
122-01	19	5	26.32
123-00	71	25	35.21
123-01	10	5	50
124-00	123	100	81.3
130-00	193	25	12.95
132-00	77	25	32.47
200-00	36	5	13.89
200-01	4	4	100
201-00	149	5	3.36
201-01	18	5	27.78
202-00	66	5	7.58
202-01	10	5	50
203-00	71	5	7.04
204-00	106	25	23.58
210-00	165	25	15.15
212-00	248	50	20.16
213-00	66	5	7.58
214-00	59	5	8.47
215-00	227	50	22.03
260-20	560	300	53.57
260-30	864	500	57.87
261-01	87	35	40.23
270-00	162	50	30.86
270-01	57	57	100
270-02	62	25	40.32
281-00	171	50	29.24
281-01	51	25	49.02
282-00	369	25	6.78
283-00	156	50	32.05
283-01	61	25	40.98
285-00	262	50	19.08
285-01	42	25	59.52
290-00	142	50	35.21
291-00	278	100	35.97
292-00	263	50	19.01
293-00	73	50	68.49

LPT	# Apps	# Suc	% Suc
300-00	95	50	52.63
301-00	19	19	100
309-00	17	17	100
311-00	93	50	53.76
311-01	180	180	100
312-00	224	100	44.64
313-00	17	17	100
313-01	88	88	100
313-02	8	8	100
314-00	112	112	100
315-00	207	206	99.52
315-01	77	77	100
317-00	43	43	100
319-00	150	25	16.67
320-00	108	50	46.3
322-00	63	50	79.37
324-00	29	29	100
325-00	200	100	50
325-01	40	40	100
326-00	44	44	100
326-01	7	7	100
330-00	94	75	79.79
330-01	33	33	100
331-00	383	250	65.27
331-01	38	25	65.79
333-00	29	27	93.1
333-01	82	50	60.98
335-00	298	100	33.56
339-00	216	200	92.59
340-00	314	75	23.89
341-00	15	15	100
343-00	333	200	60.06
380-00	761	150	19.71
380-01	218	150	68.81
391-00	231	50	21.65
392-00	317	50	15.77
393-00	184	184	100
400-00	349	349	100
400-01	106	106	100
401-00	372	372	100
404-00	291	291	100
404-01	76	76	100
405-00	193	193	100
406-00	84	84	100
410-00	141	25	17.73
411-00	312	305	97.76
411-01	142	142	100
412-00	233	230	98.71
413-00	230	100	43.48
416-00	12	11	91.67

LPT	# Apps	# Suc	% Suc
416-01	49	49	100
417-00	73	50	68.49
418-00	50	25	50
419-00	41	37	90.24
421-00	69	69	100
422-00	18	16	88.89
423-00	63	63	100
425-00	5	5	100
426-00	111	50	45.05
432-00	74	25	33.78
441-00	106	106	100
442-00	10	10	100
444-00	85	85	100
445-00	292	200	68.49
445-01	133	133	100
447-00	197	100	50.76
448-00	16	16	100
450-00	20	20	100
471-00	74	50	67.57
500-00	232	200	86.21
502-00	328	300	91.46
510-00	95	95	100
511-00	75	50	66.67
520-00	91	91	100
530-00	118	118	100
530-01	61	61	100
560-00	75	75	100
570-00	158	158	100
575-00	459	459	100
580-00	149	139	93.29
590-00	425	350	82.35
597-00	289	289	100
598-00	281	281	100
599-00	561	561	100
600-00	380	380	100
611-00	74	74	100
620-00	550	484	88
630-00	216	216	100
630-01	7	7	100
630-20	10	10	100
640-00	34	34	100
641-00	15	15	100
650-00	144	125	86.81
651-00	144	143	99.31
652-00	57	57	100
670-00	210	210	100
680-00	184	184	100
690-00	395	395	100
699-00	268	268	100
797-00	1599	1000	62.54

Elk Drawing Statistics

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Elk Permits – 2010 Drawing Statistics

LPT	# Apps	# Suc	% Suc
282-20	90	1	1.11
283-20	246	5	2.03
302-50	369	369	100
310-20	529	5	0.95
310-50	201	201	100
339-20	1107	40	3.61
380-20	9368	110	1.17
401-15	84	84	100
401-20	462	30	6.49
410-15	1799	1459	81.1
410-20	3929	55	1.4
411-15	465	412	88.6
411-20	1148	200	17.42
412-20	353	60	17
417-20	952	100	10.5
420-15	237	237	100
420-20	729	80	10.97
426-20	145	10	6.9
441-20	568	30	5.28
445-20	439	50	11.39
447-20	1187	75	6.32
450-20	46	5	10.87
455-20	875	74	8.46
500-15	72	72	100
500-20	136	10	7.35
502-15	59	57	96.61
502-20	87	5	5.75
520-20	333	25	7.51
570-20	257	35	13.62
575-20	100	10	10
580-15	63	57	90.48
580-21	132	15	11.36
580-22	152	25	16.45
590-15	276	228	82.61
590-20	800	200	25
590-21	234	80	34.19
620-15	1510	1206	79.87
620-20	985	60	6.09
621-20	1607	50	3.11
622-00	695	300	43.17
622-20	1815	60	3.31
631-20	803	30	3.74
631-21	284	200	70.42
632-20	506	10	1.98
632-21	190	100	52.63
690-20	1298	30	2.31
690-21	405	25	6.17
798-15	444	310	69.82
798-20	2342	250	10.67
799-15	300	254	84.67
799-20	1950	175	8.97

A9 Elk Licenses – 2010 Drawing Statistics

LPT	# Apps	# Suc	% Suc
004-80	1340	1340	100
100-80	413	25	6.05
101-80	108	20	18.52
101-81	66	5	7.58
103-80	456	25	5.48
104-80	234	25	10.68
109-80	137	20	14.6
110-80	105	5	4.76
120-80	127	5	3.94
121-80	753	100	13.28
121-81	22	5	22.73
122-80	294	25	8.5
123-80	169	25	14.79
124-80	76	25	32.89
130-80	140	5	3.57
132-80	37	5	13.51
140-80	86	5	5.81
200-80	46	5	10.87
201-80	117	75	64.1
201-81	23	5	21.74
202-80	47	5	10.64
203-80	165	5	3.03
204-80	97	5	5.15
210-80	501	300	59.88
211-80	145	145	100
212-80	448	350	78.13
212-81	86	50	58.14
213-80	307	200	65.15
214-80	129	50	38.76
215-80	371	200	53.91
215-81	353	200	56.66
216-80	119	50	42.02
250-80	84	5	5.95
260-80	35	5	14.29
261-80	83	15	18.07
270-80	70	5	7.14
270-81	144	15	10.42
281-80	377	75	19.89

LPT	# Apps	# Suc	% Suc
282-80	566	50	8.83
283-80	193	50	25.91
283-81	42	42	100
283-82	98	75	76.53
285-80	123	50	40.65
285-81	151	100	66.23
291-80	376	200	53.19
292-80	565	150	26.55
293-80	249	25	10.04
298-80	189	189	100
300-80	424	424	100
302-80	341	331	97.07
312-80	98	98	100
313-80	101	15	14.85
313-81	25	15	60
314-80	285	285	100
318-80	360	100	27.78
320-80	280	100	35.71
321-80	92	92	100
323-80	126	80	63.49
328-80	163	150	92.02
329-80	326	250	76.69
331-80	594	350	58.92
332-80	424	150	35.38
334-80	191	125	65.45
335-80	425	200	47.06
339-80	507	500	98.62
340-80	718	250	34.82
343-80	541	300	55.45
361-80	160	50	31.25
370-80	517	250	48.36
380-80	1598	550	34.42
380-81	244	150	61.48
380-82	340	200	58.82
390-80	125	125	100
391-80	433	250	57.74
392-80	227	175	77.09
392-81	580	350	60.34
401-80	255	150	58.82

LPT	# Apps	# Suc	% Suc
410-80	1515	300	19.8
410-81	132	132	100
411-80	216	216	100
412-80	128	128	100
416-80	40	40	100
417-80	118	118	100
417-81	202	200	99.01
422-80	27	27	100
425-80	66	20	30.3
425-81	46	20	43.48
425-82	58	25	43.1
425-83	120	30	25
426-80	29	29	100
441-80	191	191	100
442-80	73	73	100
447-80	167	167	100
448-80	266	200	75.19
450-80	24	24	100
455-80	165	100	60.61
520-80	169	75	44.38
520-81	190	170	89.47
540-80	35	35	100
560-80	63	63	100
580-80	192	192	100
590-80	134	65	48.51
590-81	48	35	72.92
620-80	238	238	100
621-80	187	100	53.48
621-81	795	250	31.45
622-80	1390	500	35.97
631-80	339	120	35.4
631-81	74	25	33.78
632-80	171	30	17.54
690-80	52	25	48.08
690-81	516	300	58.14
700-80	927	700	75.51
798-81	47	47	100
799-80	510	200	39.22

Obtain A License Or Permit

- Only one license or permit of any type may be purchased each year, unless otherwise specified and allowed in the regulations, such as a hunter may purchase more than one deer B license.
- Many licenses or permits may be purchased from license providers or online licensing. Some licenses and permits are available only through a drawing.
- Refer to the Licenses Available Chart for a complete list of resident and nonresident licenses and application or purchase deadlines.

Online Licensing

- You may apply for permits and/or licenses and purchase many general hunting licenses from FWP Online Licensing between approximately 5:15 a.m. and 11:45 p.m., MST, 7 days a week within applicable sales dates.
- Go to <https://app.mt.gov/Als/Index> and follow the instructions.
- Online purchases must be made by using a MasterCard or Visa credit card.
- Montana residents must have purchased a conservation license through the automated licensing system (ALS) in a previous license year and have an ALS number to buy licenses online. See Residency.
- Don't wait until the last minute to buy your hunting license online as carcass tags are mailed to you within 10 days of your purchase.
- All online license purchases and applications are final and cannot be changed or withdrawn.

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC)

Montana is a member of the IWVC. Under the compact, member states recognize suspensions of hunting, fishing or trapping privileges. It is illegal for a violator whose privilege to hunt, fish or trap is suspended to obtain or attempt to obtain a license, tag or permit in a member state. For more information, call 406-444-2452.

Residency

- It is illegal to swear to or to affirm a false statement in order to obtain an original or duplicate resident hunting and/or fishing license OR to assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license.

Resident

- To be a legal Montana resident and eligible to purchase any Montana resident fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, as per MCA 87-2-102, you must:

- have been physically living in Montana for at least 180 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a resident license;
- register your vehicle(s) in Montana;
- be registered to vote in Montana if you're registered to vote at all;
- not possess current (or have applied for any) resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in another state or country;
- file Montana state income tax returns as a resident, if you are required to file.
- Once you have established your residency, you must continue to meet all these requirements and physically reside in Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive).
- A person is NOT considered a resident for the purposes of this section if the person:
 - claims residence in any other state or country for any purpose; or
 - is an absentee property owner paying property tax on property in Montana.
- To purchase an annual resident conservation license you will be required to show a valid Montana Driver's License (MDL), a valid Montana Identification Card (MIC) or a valid Tribal Identification Card.
- If your MDL or MIC has been issued for less than six months, you may be required to show additional proof of residency. An out-of-state driver's license is NOT an acceptable form of ID for resident license purchases. Contact your local FWP office for specifics.

Nonresident

- Montana's nonresident guests are eligible to purchase or apply for most Montana fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license and/or permit quota for a district. The Licenses Available Chart provides details.
- Nonresident unmarried minors, at least 12 (by Jan 16, 2012) but not older than 17 years of age, can hunt in Montana as a resident if the minor's parents, legal guardian, or parent with joint custody, sole custody, or visitation rights is a legal resident of Montana. See "Youth Hunter" chart for details on youth 11 years of age.

Armed Forces

- A member of the regular armed forces of the United States, a member's dependent who resides in the member's Montana household, or a member of the armed forces of a foreign government attached to the regular armed forces of the United States is considered a resident for Montana hunting, fishing and trapping licenses if:
 - the member was a resident of Montana under the provisions listed under residency at the time the member entered the armed forces and continues to meet these residency criteria; or,
 - the member is currently stationed in and assigned to active duty in Montana, has resided in Montana for a least 30 days, and presents official assignment orders and a certificate verifying successful completion of an approved hunter safety course from any state or province.

Prerequisites

Conservation License

- Each new license year, a new Conservation License is required to purchase any fishing, trapping or hunting license(s), or to apply for licenses/permits. Most licenses can be purchased from any FWP License Provider beginning late February.
- In compliance with the Federal Welfare Reform Laws, Montana law requires each resident and nonresident hunter, including youth, to provide the last four digits of his/her Social Security number when purchasing a Conservation License or obtaining a Conservation License through a drawing.

Hunting Access Enhancement Fee

This is an annual fee and will be charged at the time the hunter purchases his/her first hunting license (including upland and migratory bird).

Hunter Education

Hunter Education Requirements

If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season.

Bowhunter Education Requirements

To purchase a Montana bow and arrow license, a hunter must:

- provide a certificate of completing the National Bowhunter Education Foundation course, or
- provide any prior year's bowhunting/archery stamp, tag, permit, or license from any state or province. If you can no longer produce this license, for a \$5 fee you may sign an affidavit stating that you previously held such a license. The affidavit is available at all FWP License Providers. The affidavit entitles you to purchase a current year's Montana bow and arrow license.

Duplicate Certificates

Bowhunter or Hunter Education certificates of completion for the Montana hunter education and/or bowhunter education courses may be obtained from FWP's website.

License and Permit Type

Conservation License

Prerequisite for all resident and nonresident licenses. Includes the state lands recreation license (for hunting, fishing and trapping purposes).

Bow and Arrow License

A bow and arrow license, plus the proper hunting license is required during: (1) the deer, elk and/or antelope Archery Only Season; or (2) to archery hunt in an Arch-Equip only area or hunting district.

Deer

General Deer License

- The general deer license is Montana's license valid for one deer. Hunters may hold only one general deer license. It can be used for deer as indicated under the "General Deer License" heading on the deer and elk hunting district pages of these regulations.

Deer B License

- Valid for one deer during a specific time period, or for a certain species and sex, and in a particular hunting district or group of districts. May be offered through a drawing or over-the-counter.

Elk

General Elk License

- Montana's general elk-hunting license valid for one elk. Hunters may hold only one general elk license. It can be used for elk as indicated under the "General Elk License" heading on the deer and elk individual hunting district pages of these regulations.

Elk B License

- The elk B license is an antlerless elk license valid during a specific time period and in a particular hunting district or group of districts. A Conservation License is the required prerequisite.

Deer or Elk Permit

The permit must be used with a specific hunting license. A permit is not a second license and does not allow the holder to kill an additional animal. Rather, it expands the opportunity to hunt for a species in a particular hunting district.

Replacements

Replacements of lost, stolen or destroyed licenses may be purchased at FWP offices and FWP License Providers. A second duplicate license for the same species within a two-year period may only be purchased at an FWP office. A person may not replace a license requiring a carcass tag a third time for the same species within a two-year period. A fee of \$5 per license will be charged for each duplicate license.

It is unlawful to:


- Swear or affirm to a false statement in order to obtain a duplicate.
- Possess an original as well as a duplicate license(s). If the original is found, it must be returned to FWP at any regional office.
- Allow a license of any type to be used by another person.

SuperTag Lottery

Open to residents and nonresidents.

Species	Deadline to Purchase SuperTag Chances @ \$5 each
Bighorn Sheep	June 30
Moose	June 30
Mountain Goat	June 30
Antelope	July 28
Bison	July 28
Deer	July 28
Elk	July 28
Mountain Lion	July 28

- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an unlimited number of \$5 chances to win a Montana hunting license for antelope, bighorn sheep, bison, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat and mountain lion.
- An individual may be successful in winning one or a combination of these SuperTags per year.
- Each SuperTag license allows one to hunt in any Montana hunting district valid for that species.
- Moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat 7-year waiting period does not apply to SuperTags.
- Chances are sold electronically at all FWP License Providers or via the online licenses at fwp.mt.gov.
- Proceeds from the sale of SuperTag chances will enhance public hunting access and boost FWP enforcement efforts.
- For more information visit FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov.




Your Passion.

You live to hunt Montana's elk, deer, and antelope.
That's your passion.

Our Profession.

We dedicate ourselves to working with landowners and managing and conserving Montana's elk, deer, antelope, and other wildlife populations.
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Together, hunters, landowners, and FWP can keep Montana's big game and other wildlife populations healthy, sustainable, and accessible.

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Availability of Licenses & Permits

Purchase your fishing license, hunting licenses(s) and apply for drawings online
<https://app.mt.gov/Als/Index>

Deadlines

- Applications, as well as some general licenses, and many licenses and permits awarded through a drawing, have a purchase or application deadline. The Licenses & Permits Availability Chart provides details.
- Applications are available at FWP License Providers or may be downloaded from the FWP website. Nonresidents may call 406-444-2950 to request an application through the mail.
- You may have your application entered directly into the system at an FWP office or you may mail in your application. If the application is mailed, it must be postmarked no later than the deadline date. The postmark must be an official U.S. Postal Service mark. A postage meter postmark cannot be accepted.
- FWP encourages hunters to apply online for permits/licenses awarded through a drawing as safeguards will not accept incomplete applications. Also, your information is retained for future purchases or license applications.
- Licenses/permits that have a purchase deadline have to be purchased no later than the deadline date.

Drawing Applications

- Drawing applications are available from FWP's website and License Providers
- Applications for deer, elk and/or antelope licenses and permits must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before June 1. Hunters may apply online no later than June 1 for permits/licenses for deer, elk, and antelope.
- Both resident and nonresident hunters are eligible to apply for most of the licenses awarded through the drawings. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license and/or permit quota.
- Drawings are based upon the final quotas adopted by the FWP Commission which may differ from the quotas listed in the hunting district regulations.
- For specific license/permit opportunities please refer to the hunting district regulations where you will find a complete listing of all available hunting opportunities for each hunting district.

Elk B License and Elk Permit –

Over-the-Counter

- Certain elk B licenses and permits with unlimited quotas are available for purchase over-the-counter from License Providers and/or via a drawing.
- In some hunting districts, an over-the-counter purchase allows you to obtain these unlimited elk B licenses or permits immediately, but the items still must be purchased by the June 1 deadline.
- Additionally, some over-the-counter unlimited elk B licenses go on sale August 8. See individual hunting district regulations for specifics.
- If you purchase an unlimited over-the-counter elk B license or permit, you cannot apply for the same species with a drawing application.

Party Applications

- Applicants may apply as a “party.” If you apply as a party, each party member must list the identical license/permit choices in the identical order on his/her application. If one or more party member does not pay the bonus point fee, but the other members pay the fee, those who have not paid the fee will be taken out of the party. It is unlawful to loan or transfer a license to another or to use a license issued to another.
- Either everyone in the party is successful in obtaining a license or everyone is unsuccessful. A party of individuals is assigned one random number in the computer. If that number is drawn, each member of the party receives a permit/license.
- The success rate for applying as a party versus as an individual is about the same. However, if a resident applies with a nonresident in a party, the whole party is considered “nonresident” because of the 10 percent quota limit on nonresident licenses and/or permits.
- The maximum number of applicants in a party is 5 members.

Licenses and Permits Through A Drawing

- You may apply for a permit and/or license that allows you to hunt in an otherwise restricted area or time period. You may also decide to participate in the bonus point system.
- Residents must hold a general deer license before using a deer permit.
- Residents must hold a general elk license before applying for an elk permit.
- Nonresidents must hold a Big Game Elk/Deer or Deer Combination License before applying for a deer permit.
- Nonresidents must hold a Big Game Elk/Deer or Big Game Elk Combination

License before applying for an elk permit .

- Nonresident holders of a Landowner-Sponsored Deer Combination License are reminded that the license (including deer B licenses) entitles them to hunt deer only on the deeded lands of the sponsoring landowner. This license may not be used on leased or public land. However, the license is valid statewide for fishing and hunting upland game birds.
- Nonresident holders of a Landowner-Sponsored Deer Combination License may apply for a deer permit or deer B license only in the hunting district where they are authorized to hunt deer.

Bonus Point System

- The fee to participate in the voluntary bonus point system is \$2 for Montana residents and \$20 for nonresidents, payable with the license and application fees. You must pay the fee when applying to use or gain bonus points. Here's how it works:
 - Applicants accumulate one bonus point for each unsuccessful year. Each bonus point essentially becomes an extra chance in future drawings. For example, applicants would have one chance to be drawn the first year they apply. If unsuccessful, they would have two chances to be drawn the following year and three chances the next year, and so on until they received the license. Once successful, the applicant loses all bonus points for that species.
 - Bonus points are accumulated independently for each species and only apply to “first-choice” districts. An applicant may skip two consecutive years of participation without forfeiting accumulated points, but if an applicant skips the third year—or has errors that eliminate the applicant from the drawing—all accumulated points for that species will be lost. There is an exemption for Montana residents with full-time active military status.
- Rejection of an application because of applicant error is equivalent to failure to apply.
- Points are non-transferable.
- Applicants cannot apply just for a bonus point. You must apply correctly for the license and be unsuccessful to get a bonus point.
- Bonus points are not used or lost in 2nd or 3rd choice drawings.
- FWP will contact bonus-point participants each year by postcard to report their accumulated points. Bonus-point status is also available online. It will be the applicant's

responsibility to report AND provide proof of any discrepancies.

- The number of bonus points applicable to applicants applying as a party is the total number of bonus points held by the members of the party, divided by the number of applicants in the party, then rounded to the nearest whole number. When two or more persons apply as a party and choose to participate in the bonus point system, all party members must pay the bonus point fee. If one or more party members do not pay the bonus point fee, but the other members pay the fee, those who have not paid the fee will be taken out of the party and one of the following shall occur:
 - If one individual is removed from the party, that person is entered into the drawing as an individual applicant.
 - If two or more individuals are removed from a party, these individuals are entered into the drawing as a separate party.
- All nonresidents who are unsuccessful in the nonresident combination license drawing are mailed a form that must be returned if they wish to accumulate bonus points for deer and elk permits. If you should have, but did not receive this form and wish to participate in the bonus point system, please contact FWP at 406-444-2950.

Landowner Preference

- Montana landowners (resident and nonresident) may qualify for preference in the license/permit drawings for deer, elk, and antelope.
- In order to claim landowner preference for deer B, deer permit, and/or antelope drawings, a landowner must own or be contracting to purchase at least 160 contiguous acres of land within the hunting district applied for. If the license/permit is only valid for a portion of the hunting district, the landowner must own land within that portion and the land must be used primarily for agricultural purposes.
- In order to claim landowner preference for the elk B license and/or elk permit drawings, a landowner must own or be contracting to purchase at least 640 contiguous acres of land within a district regularly used by elk for one or more seasonal activities. If the license/permit is only valid for a portion of the hunting district, a landowner must own land within that portion to claim preference.
- A landowner may designate his/her preference to a member of his/her immediate family (blood or marriage related) or a ranch manager (paid employee who has state, federal, or FICA taxes withheld from pay). Only one person may use designated preference in a partnership or corporation.

- Nonresidents owning land in Montana should contact FWP Headquarters in Helena at 406-444-2950 for details on how to apply for landowner preference. See the Licenses Available Chart for prerequisite license requirements and deadlines to apply.

Drawing Results

Dates are Approximate		
License	Drawing Results	Refunds Mailed
Nonresident Combination	Mid-April	End of April
SuperTags for: Antelope, Bison, Deer, Elk, Mountain Lion	Mid-August	NA
Antelope, Deer, Elk,	Mid-July	End of August
Check for drawing results at fwp.mt.gov		

Fees and Refunds

- In addition to the cost of each permit or license, there is a \$5 nonrefundable drawing fee for each license or permit you apply for. The \$5 fee covers the cost of printing and processing the application.
- In some situations, FWP may refund resident or nonresident – in full or in part – fees for licenses and/or drawings.
- The appropriate documentation (death certificate, medical statement, etc.) must accompany the unused license(s) and a signed request form certifying the license(s) has not been used. Nonresident license holders should call 406-444-2950 for information.
- Situations include:

Reason	Deadline	Refund
Death of licensee	12/31/11	100%
Death of family member	12/31/11	90%
Medical emergency	12/31/11	90%

Call Licensing at 406-444-2950

- If you do not receive your license or refund within 2-3 weeks of time from refund dates. Note: the license fee is refunded if an applicant is unsuccessful in the drawings, unless there is a valid obligation owed to the State of Montana or if the refund is less than \$5.
- For information on drawings for big game hunting.
- For surplus license (any left over licenses or permits from the drawings) information and applications (available by the end of August).

Special Considerations

Hunters with a Disability

- Certification for “special considerations” are lifetime certifications and do not need to be renewed annually.
- For applications, detailed eligibility requirements, and information on licenses and permits for hunters with disabilities contact any FWP office or on the FWP website. See addresses and phone numbers on page 115.

Resident With a Disability Conservation License

- Residents certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as defined by FWP rules, may purchase a conservation license for \$8 which includes fishing, warm water fishing license, upland game bird (excluding turkey), state waterfowl license, and state lands recreational use license for hunting, fishing and trapping purposes.
- The license holder may also purchase a general deer and general elk license at a discounted price. Applications for a Resident With a Disability Conservation License are available at all FWP offices and on the FWP website.
- The certification is valid for the life of the holder or until changed by the Montana Legislature.

Permit To Hunt From a Vehicle (PTHFV)

- Residents and nonresidents certified as permanently and substantially non-ambulatory, as defined by FWP rules, may apply for a PTHFV.
 - Specific PTHFV field regulations apply. A copy of these regulations will be provided at the time of certification. Noncompliance may result in loss of this privilege.
- Additional general license hunting opportunities for holders of a PTHFV in some hunting districts in Regions 1-5 have been adopted. See individual hunting districts for specifics.

Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE)

- Residents and nonresidents certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as defined by FWP rules, may apply for a PTMAE. The PTMAE allows a person with a disability to use archery tackle that supports the bow, and draws, holds, and releases the string to accommodate the individual disability.
- Arrows are not exempt, and must meet requirements for the Archery Only Season.
- This permit does not entitle the holder to use a crossbow during the Archery Only Season.

- The permit only allows modification of legal archery tackle and must be used with a valid bow and arrow license and appropriate hunting license.

Certain Combat Disabled Veterans

- A veteran with certain combat-connected injuries may be entitled to half-priced licenses for deer and antelope. Up to 50 licenses will be issued annually. Contact FWP License Bureau for details at 406-444-2663.

Free license for terminally ill youth

- Montana law allows terminally ill resident or nonresident youth under 17 years of age to receive a free one-time deer and elk license.
- The youth must be accompanied by a licensed outfitter or an adult who has a license to hunt in Montana.
- Minimum age and hunter education requirements may be waived for this license. For information call the License Section at 406-444-2950.

B Licenses and/or Permits for Hunters with a Disability

- Applicants must apply on FWP-provided forms available at FWP offices or FWP website. For more information contact FWP at 406-444-2950.
- Deer:
 - Deer permit 630-20 (HD 630).
 - Applicants must have a Resident With a Disability Conservation License and apply on or before June 1.
- Elk:
 - Elk B license 121-81 (HD 121).
 - Applicants must have a Permit to Hunt From a Vehicle, valid conservation and elk licenses and apply on or before June 1.
- Antelope:
 - Individuals who are permanently, physically disabled and nonambulatory as defined in ARM 12.3.106, may apply for an antelope license. A total of 25 antelope licenses are issued through the June 1 drawing. These licenses are offered in those antelope hunting districts which have a total quota of 50 or more antelope licenses. Applicants must apply on FWP-provided forms available at all FWP offices. Applications must be postmarked on or before June 1.

Visually Challenged Individuals

A copy of the big game regulations is available in an alternative format upon request. Call 406-444-2535 for details.

License Discount Opportunities

- Montana resident members of the Montana National Guard, Federal Reserve or Active Duty, who participated after September 11, 2001 in a contingency operation outside the state for two months and have been released from active duty or discharged, are entitled to a free conservation license OR a sportsman without bear license for a fee of \$2. These licenses will be issued only at FWP offices. DD 214 and supporting documentation is required.
 - To take advantage of this opportunity you must obtain the license in the year you returned from military service, or in the following year.
- A veteran with certain combat connected injuries may be entitled to half-priced licenses for deer and antelope. Up to 50 licenses will be issued annually. Contact FWP License Bureau Chief for details at 406-444-2663.
- Nonresidents who hold a current upland game bird license, big game combination, elk combination or deer combination license may purchase a nonresident turkey license for \$55.

300 Nonresident Youth Big Game Combination Licenses will be sold for \$458.50, first-come, first-served beginning March 1 to nonresident youth who have an adult immediate family member sponsor (applicant's natural or adoptive parent, grandparent, brother or sister who is 18 years of age or older) who possesses a current resident deer or elk license or a nonresident big game, elk combination or nonresident deer combination license. The youth must be accompanied by the sponsor while hunting. Applications are available from FWP's website and will be processed at the FWP headquarters in Helena. For further details and an application, contact Licensing at 406-444-2950.

- Nonresident children of residents may be entitled to reduced rate licenses for up to six years from the date they received their diploma or GED. To qualify the child must have: 1) been born and raised in Montana; 2) attended and completed high school or attained a GED in Montana; and 3) the parent(s) still reside in Montana. Licenses will be issued at FWP offices with verification of Birth Certificate, Montana high school diploma or GED, and proof that natural or adoptive parent is still a current Montana resident. Any nonresident youth hunting with this license must be accompanied by a licensed resident family member while hunting in the field.
- Nonresident students enrolled as a full-time student (12 or more credits) in a postsecondary educational institution in Montana or Nonresident full time students in another state who graduated from MT High School and their parent is a MT resident are now eligible for discounted hunting licenses. The new nonresident college student big game combination license will cost \$70.00 and includes Conservation, fishing, upland bird, deer and elk.
 - Application for the nonresident college student big game combination license may be made after the second Monday in September at any FWP Regional office or Department Headquarters in Helena. To qualify, the applicant shall present a valid student identification card and copy of paid tuition as current full-time enrollment at a post secondary education institution in Montana. Payment of the \$10 Hunting Access Enhancement Fee is also required.

If you or someone you know has a disability and/or is aging, and is in need of assistive technology (AT) or adaptive equipment to help you participate in outdoor recreation, please contact :



MonTech at the University of Montana Rural Institute
700 SW Higgins Ave – Ste 250
Missoula MT 59803.
877-243-5511.
<http://montech.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/>

Youth Hunter		
Age	Available To	Opportunities and Requirements
11	Resident & Nonresident	<p>A youth 11 years of age who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2012, may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After August 15, 2011, hunt any game species for which their license is valid during an open season. Purchase a hunting license, except spring turkey and spring black bear, and must be able to show proof of having completed an approved hunter education course at the time of purchase. Apply for any drawing, except spring turkey, and must be able to show proof of having completed an approved hunter education course at the time of application.
11-13	Resident & Nonresident	In order to carry or use a firearm in public, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the child, or be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, as per Montana law.
12-15	Resident & Nonresident	<p>A new youth season effective 2011:</p> <p>Youth Two-Day Deer Hunts –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The FWP Commission is allowing two additional days to provide a hunting opportunity to encourage youth participation in deer hunting. Statewide Two-day Youth Only Deer Season – October 20-21. Legally licensed hunters 11 through 15 years of age may hunt deer statewide on the dates shown above. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During these two days, youth hunters with a general or deer B license may take those deer species and sex otherwise available on the general or deer B license the first day of the general firearm season in the specific hunting district the youth is hunting. A nonhunting adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter in the field. Shooting hours, hunter safety requirements and all other regulations that apply to the regular deer firearm season shall apply to this youth two-day deer season.
12-17	Resident Only	A youth who has successfully completed a hunter safety and education course, and is purchasing his/her first Montana hunting license, is entitled to receive a Resident Youth Combination Sports License free-of-charge.
14	Resident Only	A youth 14 years of age who purchases a discounted general deer or elk license, may use the license throughout the season, even if he/she turns 15 before or during the season.
12-17	Nonresident Only	300 Nonresident Youth Big Game Combination Licenses will be sold for \$458.50, first-come, first-served beginning March 1 to nonresident youth who have an adult immediate family member sponsor (applicant's natural or adoptive parent, grandparent, brother or sister who is 18 years of age or older) who possesses a current resident deer or elk license or a nonresident big game, elk combination or nonresident deer combination license. The youth must be accompanied by the sponsor while hunting. Applications are available from FWP's website and will be processed at the FWP headquarters in Helena. For further details and an application, contact Licensing at 406-444-2950.

Youth Elk Hunts	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth 12 (by Jan 16, 2012) -15 years of age may hunt elk as listed in the specific hunting district regulations without applying for an elk permit through the drawing in the following hunting districts. Be sure to check specific hunting district regulations as youth hunting opportunities in some of the districts listed below <u>may not include either-sex or antlered bull elk.</u> 	
Resident and Nonresident	
R 1	100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 109, 110, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 130, 132, 140, 141, 150, 151
R 2	200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 240, 261, 270, 280, 281, 283, 285, 291, 292, 293
R 3	300, 301, 310, 311, 313, 316, 317, 318, 319, 321, 328, 329, 331, 332, 334, 335, 339, 340, 341, 343, 350, 360, 361, 362, 370, 380, 391, 392
R 4	401, 403, 412, 415, 417, 426, 441, 447
R 5	520, 560

Youth Elk Permits and Elk B Licenses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elk permits and elk B licenses only for youth 12 (by Jan 16, 2012) -15 years of age to hunt elk as listed in the specific hunting district regulations are offered in hunting districts listed below. To qualify, the applicant must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be 12 (by Jan 16, 2012) -15 years of age at time of application. show proof of successfully completing hunter education. be accompanied, while hunting, by an adult and/or guardian who is at least 18 years of age. Youth that are 15 years of age at the start of the general season, October 22, are eligible to hunt in the youth areas even if they turn 16 years of age during the season. 	
Resident and Nonresident	
R 2	282-20
R 6	621-80 (valid in HDs 620, 621, and 622), 631-81 (valid in HDs 630, 631, and 632), 690-80 (valid in HDs 680 and 690).

Deer – Licenses and Permits

Deer B Licenses

- A deer B license is usually a license for antlerless mule deer or white-tailed deer, depending on the license type and hunting district.
- The deer B license allows you to kill a deer in addition to the deer you could harvest with your general deer license.
- There is no particular order in which the general deer and deer B licenses must be purchased or used.
- Most deer B licenses are available through the June 1 drawing but some are available for purchase at License Providers, including FWP Online Licensing.
- A hunter may possess a total of seven deer B licenses in any combination.

Single-Region Deer B Licenses for White-tailed Deer

- A hunter may purchase only one single-region deer B license for white-tailed deer per year.
- The single-region deer B license for white-tailed deer is in addition to other deer B licenses a person may obtain through a drawing or purchase at License Providers. You must designate the region in which you will use the single-region deer B license for white-tailed deer at the time of purchase.
- Licenses are available beginning August 8 from License Providers, including FWP Online Licensing.
- Check the hunting district in which you will hunt for specific regulations and valid dates for the single-region license.

Resident and Nonresident

R 3	003-10. All Region 3 HDs, except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
R 4	004-10. All Region 4 HDs, except HD 455.
R 5	005-10. All Region 5 HDs.
R 6	006-10. All Region 6 HDs.
R 7	007-10. All Region 7 HDs.

Resident Only

R 7	007-11. 2nd WT B License. All Region 7 HDs.
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Single-Region Deer B Licenses for Mule Deer

- Check the hunting district in which you will hunt for specific regulations and valid dates for the single-region license.

Resident Only

R 7	007-13. All Region 7 HDs. Not valid on CMR refuge. 007-14. 2nd MD B License. All Region 7 HDs. Not valid on CMR refuge.
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Deer Permits

- Hunters who receive a deer permit must use it with a current general deer license. A deer permit does not allow you to take a second deer.
- Hunters who receive a deer permit valid for taking an antlered buck mule deer (with their general deer license) are restricted to taking an antlered buck mule deer only in the district or portion of district specified on the permit. They may not hunt antlered buck mule deer anywhere else in Montana even if the General Season or Archery Only Season is open to mule deer buck hunting with a general deer license. This applies to all deer permit areas, whether limited or unlimited, for antlered buck mule deer.
- The following deer permits are available through the June 1 drawing to Residents and/or Nonresidents. Be sure to check individual hunting district regulations for specific deer permit details.

Resident and Nonresident

White-tailed Deer	
R 4	455-70
Mule Deer	
R 1	130-50
R 2	202-50, 204-40, 210-50, 212-40, 213-40, 214-40, 240-40, 250-50, 261-50, 270-50, 281-40, 291-50, 291-51, 292-40
R 3	300-50, 302-40, 312-50, 318-40, 319-40, 324-50, 329-40, 335-40, 339-40, 343-40, 380-40, 390-40, 391-40, 392-40
R 4	441-50, 455-70
R 5	510-40, 530-50
R 6	652-50

Elk – Licenses and Permits

12-hour Closure

- In Administrative Region 4, elk HD 424 and HD 442 may be subject to 12-hour closure for the antlerless portion of the general brow-tined bull or antlerless elk season,
- If the antlerless quota is reached. If the antlerless quota is reached, the

general season will revert to only the brow-tined bull regulation until the end of the general season.

- Contact Region 4 Headquarters for updates.

Elk B Licenses

- The elk B license is valid for taking an antlerless elk in certain areas. The elk B licenses are designed to control elk numbers and many are only valid on private land.
- A limited elk B license is obtained only through the drawing and has an application deadline date of June 1.
- Unlimited elk B licenses have no limit on the number of licenses sold and are available from License Providers, including FWP Online Licensing. See individual hunting districts for details.
- The only prerequisite for the elk B license is a conservation license.
- Each hunter may possess only one elk B license per license year in addition to a general elk license.

Limited Elk B Licenses

Elk B license hunting opportunities may be restricted to portions of individual hunting districts. See individual hunting districts for specific details.

R 1	100-80, 101-80, 101-81, 103-80, 104-80, 109-80, 110-80, 120-80, 121-80, 121-81, 122-80, 123-80, 124-80, 130-80, 132-80, 140-80
R 2	200-80, 201-80, 201-81, 202-80, 203-80, 204-80, 210-80, 211-80, 212-80, 212-81, 213-80, 214-80, 215-80, 215-81, 216-80, 250-80, 260-80, 261-80, 270-80, 270-81, 281-80, 282-80, 283-80, 283-81, 283-82, 285-80, 285-81, 291-80, 292-80, 293-80, 298-80
R 3	300-80, 302-80, 312-80, 313-80, 313-81, 314-80, 318-80, 320-80, 321-80, 323-80, 328-80, 329-80, 331-80, 332-80, 334-80, 335-80, 339-80, 340-80, 343-80, 361-80, 370-80, 380-80, 380-81, 380-82, 390-80, 391-80, 392-80, 392-81 and 398-80 (valid on private land in HDs 360 and 362)
R 4	004-80, 401-80, 410-80, 410-81, 411-80, 412-80, 416-80, 417-80, 417-81, 422-80, 425-80, 425-81, 425-82, 425-83, 426-80, 441-80, 442-80, 447-80, 448-80, 450-80, 455-80
R 5	520-80, 520-81, 540-80, 560-80, 580-80, 590-80, 590-81
R 6	620-80, 621-80, 621-81, 622-80, 631-80, 631-81, 632-80, 690-80, 690-81
R 7	700-80, 798-81, 799-80

Unlimited Elk B Licenses	
R 2	002-80 valid in hunting districts 201 (portion), 203 (portion), 260, 283, 290, 292 and 298 290-80 valid in HD 290
R 3	315-80 valid in hunting districts 315, 393

Bull Elk Permits	
In all or a portion of each of the following hunting districts a hunter is required to have successfully drawn a special permit before hunting a bull elk or brow-tined bull elk in all or a portion of the fall hunting seasons. See individual hunting districts for specific regulations.	
Limited Bull Elk Permits	
R 1	250, 282
R 3	339, 380
R 4	401, 403, 410, 411, 412, 417, 420, 426, 441, 445, 447, 450, 455
R 5	500, 502, 510, 511, 520, 530, 570, 575, 580, 590
R 6	620, 621, 622, 630, 631, 632, 680, 690,
R 7	700, 701, 702, 704, 705
Unlimited Bull Elk Permits	
R 3	302, 310

General Information

Block Management

The Block Management Program is a public hunting access program in which FWP enters into contractual agreements with private landowners (and sometimes public land management agencies) about how free public hunting access will be permitted and managed on enrolled lands. Through the contractual agreement, private landowners agree to allow public hunting on enrolled lands under specified conditions, and FWP agrees to assist the landowner by enforcing the ranch rules adopted through the Block Management contract. Each FWP region annually publishes a regional Hunting Access Guide by August 15th that lists the Block Management Areas (BMAs) enrolled for that year and explains how to gain access to them. For general information about the program, contact FWP at (406) 444-2602.

Brucellosis Test Kits

- FWP's cooperative effort among hunters, landowners and outfitters to track brucellosis in elk in some southwestern Montana hunting districts will continue.
- Blood sampling kits and instructions are available at local trailheads, U.S. Forest Service offices, sporting goods stores, the Cameron hunter check station, and FWP Region 3 Headquarters at 1400 S. 19th Avenue in Bozeman.

Common Sense Precautions When Field-Dressing Big Game

- To minimize risk of disease or parasite transmission to humans, follow these proper ways to handle wild meat:
 - Wear rubber (latex) gloves when field dressing game.
 - Minimize contact with animal fluids, brain and spinal tissues.
 - Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing or processing.
- Cook all meat until well done before consuming.
- To minimize risk of disease or parasite transmission to your domestic dog, prevent consumption of big game viscera.

Game Damage Hunt Roster Rules

- The game damage hunt roster is a randomized list of hunters' names. If FWP identifies a need to implement a game damage hunt, the game damage hunt roster will be used to select hunters. Selected hunters will be contacted by FWP.
- Sign up for the game damage hunt roster is from June 15 - July 15, 2011, and only on the FWP website.

Harvest Survey

Montana FWP conducts an annual telephone survey to gather hunting and harvest information from Montana hunters. Telephone interviewers call mid-week evenings and weekends to speak to hunters one-on-one to get the most accurate information possible. Wildlife managers use the results to evaluate hunting seasons and set quotas, season dates and other regulations.

Marked or Radio-Collared Animals

It is legal to shoot big game animals that have radio collars, neck bands, ear tags and/or other markers, but markers and radio collars must be returned to FWP. Please report the killing of a marked animal to the local FWP Office.

Weed Control and Weed-Free Hay

Montana requires use of certified weed-free hay, grain, straw, mulch, cubes, and pelletized feed on federal lands.

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406-444-2535

Harvest Reporting .1-877-FWP-WILD or 1-877-397-9453

Quota Status1-800-385-7826
Hunter Education406-444-9948
Wildlife406-444-2612
Enforcement406-444-2452
Parks Division406-444-3750
Drawings406-444-2950
Licenses406-444-2535
Telephone Device for the Deaf 406-444-1200

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Regional Headquarters

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490 N Meridian Rd
Kalispell, MT59901
406-752-5501

REGION 2

3201 Spurgin Rd
Missoula, MT59804
406-542-5500

REGION 3

1400 South 19th Ave
Bozeman, MT59718-5496
406-994-4042

HELENA Area Res Office (HARO)

930 Custer Ave W
Helena, MT59620
406-495-3260

BUTTE Area Res Office (BARO)

1820 Meadowlark Ln
Butte, MT59701
406-494-1953

REGION 4

4600 Giant Springs Rd
Great Falls, MT59405
406-454-5840

LEWISTOWN Area Res Office (LARO)

215 W Aztec Dr
PO Box 938
Lewistown, MT59457
406-538-4658

REGION 5

2300 Lake Elmo Dr
Billings, MT59105
406-247-2940

REGION 6

54078 US Hwy 2 W
Glasgow, MT59230
406-228-3700

HAVRE Area Res Office (HvARO)

2165 Hwy 2 East
Havre, MT59501
406-265-6177

REGION 7

352 I-94 Business Loop
PO Box 1630
Miles City, MT59301
406-234-0900

Contacts Outside Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Montana State Agencies

Agriculture.....406-444-3144
Guides & Outfitters406-841-2373
Livestock406-444-2977
State Lands406-444-2074
Tourism.....406-841-2870

Federal Agencies

US Department of
Interior202-208-3100
US Fish & Wildlife
Service.....406-449-5225
US Forest Service406-449-5201
Bureau of Land
Management406-896-5000
National Weather Service
(Missoula)406-329-4840

Tribal Lands

Blackfeet Reservation ..406-338-7276
Crow Reservation406-638-2601
Flathead Reservation ...406-675-2700
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2011 RESIDENT LICENSE TYPE	COST	DEADLINE	NOTES
Conservation	\$8.00		Required prerequisite license. Residents (12 -14 and 62 & older) receive implied privileges of season fishing, warm water fish, upland game bird (excluding turkey) and state migratory license.
Antelope (900 Archery) Drawing	\$19.00	June 1*	
Antelope Disabled Drawing	\$19.00	June 1*	Special disabled antelope drawing application required. For information call (406) 444-2950.
Antelope Drawing	\$19.00	June 1*	
Bighorn Sheep Drawing	\$80.00	May 2*	If successful will have to pay additional \$50.
Bison Drawing	\$5.00	May 2*	Drawing fee only. If successful will have to pay additional \$125.
Black Bear	\$19.00	Spring - April 15 Fall - August 31	Can purchase after deadline dates but only from FWP office or online and 5-day wait period to use license.
Bow and Arrow	\$10.00		
Combat Disabled Veteran - Antelope	\$7.00		50 licenses - handled thru Helena Licensing only - For information call (406) 444-2950.
Combat Disabled Veteran - Deer, General	\$8.00		50 licenses - handled thru Helena Licensing only - For information call (406) 444-2950.
Combat Disabled Veteran - Deer B	\$5.00		50 licenses - handled thru Helena Licensing only - For information call (406) 444-2950.
Deer – General, Disabled	\$6.50		
Deer – General	\$16.00		
Deer – General, Senior	\$10.00		
Deer – General, Youth (12 - 14)	\$6.50		
Deer B – Over-the-Counter	\$10.00		Over-the-counter - valid in specific district(s). Purchase beginning August 8.
Deer B – Single Region Antlerless Whitetail	\$10.00		Over-the-counter - license limited to use in specific regions. Purchase beginning August 8.
Deer B Drawing	\$15.00	June 1*	
Deer Permit Drawing	\$5.00	June 1*	Drawing fee only - must be used with general deer license.
Disabled Conservation License	\$8.00		Implied privilege of upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing, warm water fish & state waterfowl.
Elk – General, Disabled	\$8.00		
Elk – General	\$20.00		
Elk – General, Senior - (62 +)	\$12.00		
Elk – General, Youth (12 - 14)	\$8.00		
Elk B License - Drawing	\$25.00	June 1*	Antlerless only.
Elk B License Over-The-Counter	\$20.00		Antlerless only - over-the-counter - valid in specific district(s). Purchase beginning August 8.
Elk Permit Drawing	\$9.00	June 1*	Must have current year general elk license to apply - must be used with general elk license.
Hound Training License	\$5.00		
Hunting Access Enhancement Fee (HAEF)	\$2.00		Annual fee charged when hunter purchases first hunting license each year.
Migratory (12 - 15)	FREE		Need only a conservation license. Federal Stamp is not required.
Migratory (16 - 61)	\$6.50		Federal Stamp also required.
Migratory (62 and older)	FREE		Need only a conservation license. Federal Stamp is also required.
Moose Drawing	\$80.00	May 2*	If successful will have to pay additional \$50.
Mountain Goat Drawing	\$80.00	May 2*	If successful will have to pay additional \$50.
Mountain Lion - General License	\$19.00	August 31	Can purchase after deadline date but only from FWP office and 5-day wait period to use license.
Mountain Lion Special License - Limited Entry Drawing	\$5.00	August 31**	Drawing fee only - if successful will pay additional \$19.
Mountain Lion Trophy	\$50.00		Must be purchased after mountain lion kill.
Sandhill Crane Drawing	\$5.00	July 28**	Drawing fee only.
Sportsman - Military Recognition	\$2.00		Must go through certification process at FWP offices - includes conservation, season fishing, upland bird (excluding turkey), deer & elk. \$2.00 fee is for HAEF.
Sportsman with Bear	\$85.00		Includes conservation, deer, elk, bear, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing.
Sportsman without Bear	\$70.00		Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing.
Sportsman without Bear - (Youth - 12 - 17)	\$25.00		Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) season fishing.
Sportsman without Bear - Free Youth (12 - 17)	FREE		For first-time ever hunting after completion of Hunter Education course. Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing.
State Lands (12-17)	\$5.00		
State Lands (18-59)	\$10.00		
State Lands (60 +)	\$5.00		
State Lands (Family)	\$20.00		
Swan Drawing	\$5.00	Sept 1**	Drawing fee only.
Turkey License	\$6.50		
Turkey Permit Drawing	\$5.00	Spring - March 10** Fall - July 28**	Drawing fee only - if successful need to purchase turkey license and upland game bird license.
Upland Bird	\$7.50		
Upland Bird - (Youth 15 - 17)	\$3.00		

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2011 NONRESIDENT LICENSE TYPE	COST	DEADLINE	NOTES
Conservation	\$10.00		Required prerequisite license.
Antelope (900 Archery) Drawing	\$205.00	June 1*	
Antelope Disabled Drawing	\$205.00	June 1*	Special disabled antelope drawing application required. For information call (406) 444-2950.
Antelope Drawing	\$205.00	June 1*	
Big Game Combination - General Drawing	\$912.00	March 15*	Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF.
Big Game Combo Youth (12 to 17)	\$458.50		Quota of 300 -first come first serve beginning March 1. Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing.
Bighorn Sheep Drawing	\$755.00	May 2*	Must have current year conservation license to apply - See Moose/Sheep/Goat regulations for details.
Bison Drawing	\$5.00	May 2*	Drawing Fee Only. If successful pay additional \$750.
Black Bear	\$350.00	Spring - April 15 Fall - August 31	Can purchase after deadline dates but only from FWP office and 5-day wait period to use license.
Bow and Arrow	\$10.00		
College Student Combination	\$70.00		Certification at FWP office required. For information call (406) 444-2950.
Combat Disabled Veteran - Antelope	\$100.00		50 licenses - handled thru Helena Licensing only. For information call (406) 444-2950.
Combat Disabled Veteran - Deer B	\$37.50		50 licenses - handled thru Helena Licensing only. For information call (406) 444-2950.
Combat Disabled Veteran - Deer, General	\$125.00		50 licenses - handled thru Helena Licensing only. For information call (406) 444-2950.
Coming Home to Hunt - Deer Combination	\$542.00	March 15*	Includes conservation, deer, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF. For information call (406) 444-2950.
Coming Home to Hunt - Deer/Elk Combination	\$912.00	March 15*	Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF. For information call (406) 444-2950.
Deer B - Over-the-counter	\$75.00		Over-the-counter - valid in specific district(s). Purchase beginning August 8.
Deer B - Single Region Antlerless Whitetail	\$75.00		Over-the-counter - license limited to use in specific regions. Purchase beginning August 8.
Deer B Drawing	\$80.00	June 1*	
Deer Combination - General Drawing	\$542.00	March 15*	Includes conservation, deer, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF.
Deer Combination - Landowner Sponsored Drawing	\$542.00	March 15*	Includes conservation, deer, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF.
Deer Permit Drawing	\$5.00	June 1*	Drawing fee only - must be used with a general deer license.
Elk B - Drawing	\$278.00	June 1*	Antlerless only.
Elk B Over-The-Counter	\$273.00		Antlerless Only - over-the-counter - valid in specific district(s) Purchase beginning August 8.
Elk Combination - General Drawing	\$812.00	March 15*	Includes conservation, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), season fishing & HAEF.
Elk Permit Drawing	\$9.00	June 1*	Must have current year general elk license to apply - must be used with general elk license.
Hunting Access Enhancement Fee (HAEF)	\$10.00		Annual fee charged when hunter purchases first hunting license each year.
Migratory & Upland Bird (12 - 15)	\$35.00		Federal Waterfowl stamp not required.
Migratory (16 and older)	\$50.00		Federal Waterfowl Stamp is required.
Moose Drawing	\$755.00	May 2*	See Moose/Sheep/Goat regulations for details.
Mountain Goat Drawing	\$755.00	May 2*	See Moose/Sheep/Goat regulations for details.
Mountain Lion - General	\$320.00	August 31	Can purchase after deadline dates but only from FWP office and 5-day wait period to use license.
Mountain Lion - Special Limited Entry Drawing	\$5.00	August 31**	Drawing fee only - if successful will have to pay additional \$320.
Mountain Lion Trophy	\$50.00		Must be purchased after mountain lion kill.
Off Highway Temporary Use Decal	\$5.00		
Sandhill Crane Drawing	\$5.00	July 28**	Drawing fee only.
Swan Drawing	\$5.00	Sept 1**	Drawing fee only.
Turkey - General License	\$115.00		If nonresident has purchased Upland Bird then turkey tags are \$55 each.
Turkey Permit Drawing	\$5.00	Spring - March 10** Fall - July 28**	Drawing fee only - if successful need to purchase turkey license.
Upland Bird	\$110.00		
Upland Bird - 3 Day Preserve	\$20.00		Valid only on state-licensed shooting preserves.
Upland Bird & Migratory (12 - 15)	\$35.00		Federal Waterfowl stamp not required.